

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

October 15, 2023

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mt 22:1-14)

For many are called, but few are chosen. (Mt 22:14)



Photo courtesy of Wilson Defiesta

Blessing Our Furry Friends and Companions
(see related story on Page 3)

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm

Weekday Masses: **Wednesday 9:00 am, Thursday 6:30 pm, Friday 9:00 am**

Word & Communion: **Monday & Tuesday 9:00 am**

Confessions: **Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm**

Office Hours & Contact Information

Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sunday: Closed

253-630-0701



MISSION STATEMENT

Stewardship is a way of life, and the diversity of our gifts is used to answer Christ's call to proclaim and live the Gospel.
Gather in God's Name! **Grow** in God's Time! **Go** in God's Spirit!



WELCOME

Whether you're a registered parishioner or first-time visitor, we hope you feel welcomed. There are many ways to get involved. If you have any questions, please let one of our staff members know or call the parish office at **253-630-0701**.

Pastor's Corner



Embrace the Pope's Missions with "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move" on World Mission Sunday, October 22! Today, Pope Francis echoes the universal call of our Baptism – to be Christ's witnesses to the world. As we gather with global Catholics on this World Mission Sunday, our prayers and contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith bolster the Pope's missions, enabling:

- Over 844,000 catechists to share the faith
- 258,540 religious sisters to tend to families and children
- 38,140 seminarians to journey towards the priesthood
- Education for 26,000,000 children
- Medical assistance in 12,000 clinics
- Comfort in 8,750 homes for the orphaned and elderly

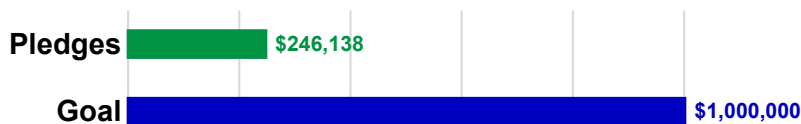
By supporting this cause, we truly live out the call to be the spark that transforms lives. May your prayers and gifts create ripples of love and transformation. Thank you for your missionary zeal!

Donate at World Mission Sunday: archseattle.org/give-serve/world-mission-sunday-donation/



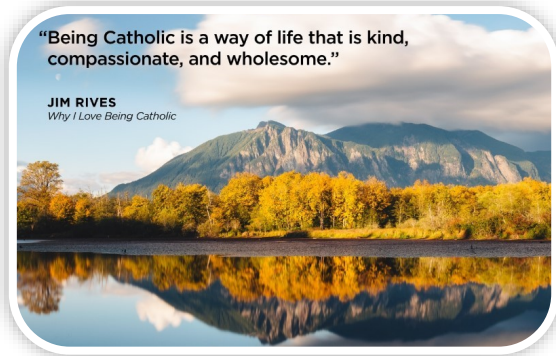
Stewardship Update

Stewardship Pledge 2024 as of 10/7/23



Goal	\$1,000,000
Pledges	\$246,138
No. of SJTB families	1231
No. of families pledging	101
Average weekly pledge	\$46.87

Our Church



This Week in Our Church

Sunday, October 15

Mass - 9:00 am

Elementary Program - 10:15 am

Final Partners in the Gospel Input Session - 3:00 pm

Mass - 11:30 am

Mass - 5:30 pm

HS Youth Group - 6:30 pm

Monday, October 16

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

Prayer Ministry SFC Meeting - 9:30 am

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive - 5:00 pm

Choir (9am Sunday) Practice - 7:00 pm

Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 17

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

WICS - 6:00 pm

HS Confirmation Year 2 Prep - 7:00 pm

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 18

Mass - 9:00 am

American Sewing Guild Meeting - 9:30 am

Stewardship & Evangelization Meeting - 6:30 pm

MS Youth Group - 7:00 pm

Truthful Reign Band Practice - 7:00 pm

Vida en el Espíritu - 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 19

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am

PREPARES Meeting - 9:30 am

Creation Care Team Meeting - 1:00 pm

Hora Santa - 2:30 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

Choir (Sunday 11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Finance Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

RCIA/OCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, October 20

Mass - 9:00 am

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 21

Gospel Reflection SFC - 10:00 am

Confessions - 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm

Contact Us!

If you're new to St. John the Baptist parish, welcome! Please feel free to email or call one of us below if you have any questions regarding our parish.

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sjtbcc.org

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On the cover

Our Beloved Animal Companions Receive Blessings

"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, then you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men." (*St. Francis of Assisi*)

St. Francis of Assisi spent much of his time preaching about animals, stating that all creatures are brothers and sisters under God. So one day every year, we come together with these brothers and sisters to receive our Father's blessings on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, which is celebrated on October 4. Here at St. John the Baptist, we brought together our beloved animal companions for blessings on October 1, after the 11:30 am Mass.

Our cover photo features *Fr. Dave Rogerson* (for our vacationing *Fr. Bill*) blessing our beloved animal companions, as happy "parents" look on.

God bless our animal companions, who provide unconditional love!

Our Church

Prayer Requests

For those who are sick:

Mike Christ

For those who have died:

Florinda Dimaunahan (aunt of Angie Santiago),

Jim Forczek (husband of Terry Forczek),

Alfred Garcia (brother of Mary Ellen Pardo),

Henry J. Medina (father of Angelica and Vincent Medina),

Gary Patterson (father of Sharon Clark),

Grace Purcell (mother-in-law of Kathleen Williams),

Danny Townsend (nephew of Paul Dehmer),

Frances Udeh (uncle of Nkechi Echeruo),

Devon Wroblewski (cousin of Mary Ellen Nelson)



Caution: Speed Bumps Ahead

You may have noticed the speed bumps that **David Aldous**, our Facility Steward, is installing in the parking lot. These speed bumps also double as parking curbs, because they are safer than actual curbs and provide greater visibility and a lower profile.

Thanks to our 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal rebate funds, we are able to install these speed bumps to reduce the number of late night "donut drivers," who speed through the lot and put our Safe Car Parking guests at risk, among other things.

We have a total of 36 speed bumps that will be installed.

Liturgy Commission September Meeting

St. John the Baptist's music coordinator, **Luis Diaz de Leon**, gave the commission a brief review of music in the Mass in the past 120 years. Vatican II music has been an integral part of full and active participation in the Mass.

The commission reviewed and amended the Liturgy Commission Charter. Two officers were approved: **Mary Syslo** Chair, and **Scott Gilyeat** Vice Chair.

The commission will review several liturgical documents as preparation for our goal of evaluating all four Masses. This includes *Meeting Christ: Exploring the Liturgy*, *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi*, and *Sacrosanctum Concilium* from Vatican II.

Are You Being Called to be a Liturgical Minister?

We are recruiting for Sacristans, Point Persons, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Cross Bearers, Lectors, Greeters, and Audio and Video Ministers. **Contact Laurie Moloney** at our parish office if you are interested.

Or you may talk to these people at the Masses to find out more about being a minister: **Jeff Babbit** for Altar Servers & Cross Bearers, **Luis Diaz de Leon** for Audio, **Pat Defiesta** for Eucharistic Ministers, **Kathy Kernan** for Greeters, **Norm & Tia Bailey** for Lectors, **Paul Dehmer** for Sacristans, and **Laurie Moloney** for video. They are coordinators for the listed ministries.

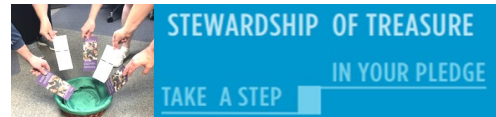


Thanks for your support at our recent Apples Sale Fundraiser.

Your generosity provided nearly 300 coats for Kindergarten and First Graders within the local area.

Reminder: We Are Closed on Mondays

The parish office will be closed on Mondays **starting October 30**. There will be staff working on site, so if you have an appointment, be sure to contact your staff person by their direct number. Note that calls to the general number will be directed to voice mail.



Return Your Treasure Commitment Card



We are very grateful to the many parishioners who have returned a Treasure Commitment Card to the parish. How we use our God-given gifts become our gift back to Him. Gratitude for what we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity. Your generosity supports the mission and the many ministries here at St John the Baptist. Thank you for your good Stewardship of all that God has given you.

We continue to ask everyone to reflect prayerfully on how we are called to continue to sustain our parish and the ministries that support the mission of Jesus Christ. Please partake of that joy in the mission and return your pledge cards as soon as possible. You can drop them off in the collection basket or mail them in the pre-paid envelope mailed to you. You can also scan the QR code above or go to sitbcc.org/pledge/.

All your pledges remain with St. John the Baptist. Your gifts bless us all!, and **we are grateful for you!**

Our Church

Invitation to All Men
Monday, October 16, 2023
5:00 pm at the McMullen Center



Please join the Knights of Columbus, Council 11780, for an evening social. The evening will highlight *Monday Night Football*, pizza, and salad.

RSVP: Mike Murphy
253-630-0701

(leave message for Mike to call you back)

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VIRTUS[®]Online

We have started our faith formation programming and are deeply appreciative of the volunteers, who give their time to share their faith with our youth!

St. John the Baptist is committed to a safe environment for our children, youth, and vulnerable adults. If you are volunteering in any capacity, you will need to **register with Virtus**, a program that provides training on how to keep our vulnerable communities safe. It also provides background checks and policy documents. Please set up an account at virtusonline.org within 30 days of volunteering.

Thank you for keeping our vulnerable communities safe!

We Have Cleaner Streets!

Our Adopt-A-Street (156th Ave SE) is cleaner, thanks to the following stewards for God's Creation: **Jennifer Leeden** (Covington Clean Team Maintenance Technician) **Ben Leeden**, **Tim Graves**, **Cheri Graves**, **Rose McAvoy**, **Angelo Battisti** and the *Creation Care Team* members: **Pat Carroll**, **Jim Carroll**, **Paul Dehmer**, and **Margie Battisti**.

Much gratitude for all their efforts in removing 10 bags of trash that will not contaminate the tributaries and rivers, thereby, respecting The Mighty River (Amos 5:24)



PARTNERS
IN THE GOSPEL

Proposed Families of South King County

If you missed the announcement a few weeks ago, the Archdiocese of Seattle has a list of the Proposed Parish Families on their website at archseattle.org/partners/.

Here at St. John the Baptist, it has been **proposed** that we become a family with:

- St. Barbara stbarbarachurch.org (Black Diamond),
- Sacred Heart sacredheartenumclaw.org/ (Enumclaw),
- St. Aloysius saint-aloysius-catholic-church.org/ (Buckley).

According to the Archdiocese, parish families were developed based on parishes' size, geography, cultural and ethnic makeup, financial health, and school presence. You will note that some parishes stand alone. These parishes are run by a religious order or serve a specific cultural community.

It is vital that every parishioner participate in the input sessions. Sign up for sessions here: sjtbcc.org/partners/ This will be your chance to voice your concerns and comments on this proposal.

Other south King County families include St. Stephen the Martyr (Renton) and St. Anthony (Renton); St. Philomena (Des Moines) and Holy Spirit (Kent); St. Vincent de Paul (Federal Way) and St. Theresa (Federal Way); Holy Family (Auburn), St. Andrew (Sumner), and Sts. Cosmas and Damian (Orting); and All Saints (Puyallup) and St. Martin of Tours (Fife).

Please pray for the success of these parish families. We look forward to everyone's input.

Our Community

Day of Prayer


October 20, 2023

Join in the Worldwide Day of Prayer for the Health and Wellness of Clergy and Men and Women Religious. Hosted by the *Saint John Vianney Center*, this event will be livestreamed on Friday, October 20, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.

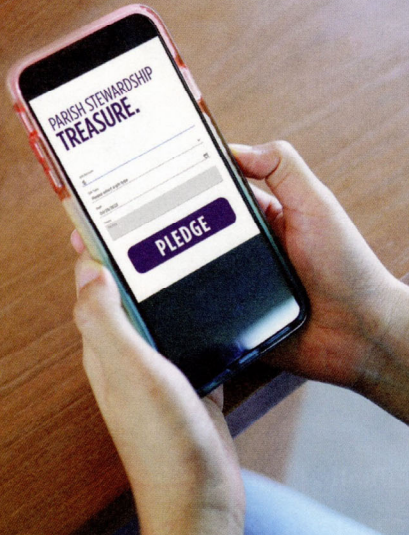
This special Day of Prayer was created to provide spiritual support to our devoted Clergy and Men and Women Religious, who tirelessly serve our Church and the people of God. The day will also serve as a powerful reminder of the significance of self-care, healing, maintaining a strong spiritual foundation, and promoting a supportive environment for men and women who serve us through their vocations.

Let us join in prayer, lift up our Clergy, and Men and Women Religious, and ask for God's blessings for their continued service!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE PLANNING

Title	Parish Treasure Renewal	Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)	Special Collections	Parish Outreach	Other Charities
Purpose	Allows parish to plan operating budget for providing essential services and ministries.	Supports Archdiocese, includes parish rebate for donations over goal amount.	Funds selected local and global causes. Collections mandated by Archdiocese.	Financial aid and donations of items for designated needs and collections.	Non-profits and other groups serving local and global needs
Frequency	Every Fall	Every Spring	Monthly as Designated	Seasonal	
Amount	<i>2-5% family gross income</i>	<i>1% family gross income</i>	<i>1-2 % family gross income</i>		
Provides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday and weekday Masses • Grounds and facilities • Pastoral care • Sacramental preparation • Youth and young adult services • Faith formation programs for all ages • Music ministry • Social outreach and advocacy • Evangelization • Support for parish community events • Bulletins and website • Administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial support for more than 60 Archdiocesan ministries • CYO Camps • Seminarians • Catholic Schools • Retreat Center • Hospital and Prison Chaplains • Catholic Community Services (CCS) • Diaconate formation • Clergy continuing education • Vocations • Pastoral planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic Relief Services (CRS) • Rice Bowl • St. Vincent de Paul • Catholic Community Services (CCS) • <i>NW Catholic</i> and Communications • Catholic Campaign for Human Development • Catholic Home Missions • World Missions • Peter's Pence • Holy Land Support • Prepares 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanksgiving meals • Giving Tree Store • Diaper Drives • Sister Parish in Guatemala • School Supplies • Food Donations • Knights of Columbus sponsored drives 	<p>List those other charities you support:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
\$ Amount Total	<i>My anticipated planned \$</i>	<i>giving for the year \$</i>	<i>for Catholic and \$</i>	<i>other non-profit \$</i>	<p>QR Code for Parish Online Giving</p>

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE.



Stewardship asks that we help each other recognize the gifts God has blessed us with and the ways in which we have been blessed through the gifts of others. And then return those gifts with increase to further the mission of our Church.

WE ARE
CALLED TO
SHARE OUR
TREASURE
WITH OTHERS.

Everything we have is a gift from God and we're called to share these gifts with others. Stewardship is our response to God's generosity.

Stewardship starts in our parish. It challenges us to share our gifts beyond what we may have done in the past so we can grow, individually and collectively, as God desires. As you renew your gift of treasure, please consider taking a step in this journey of faith.

Please prayerfully reflect on your many blessings and return your 2024 pledge card today. Embracing stewardship allows us to experience profound joy in serving others that comes from developing, using and sharing our gifts.



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING RETREAT SERIES

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 21
8:30AM-12PM
ST. STEPHEN THE
MARTYR, RENTON

LIFE & DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON OPTION FOR THE POOR & VULNERABLE

Join the South King County Deanery Outreach Committee and Catholic Community Services for the first of four retreats focused on Catholic Social Teaching. We will be exploring the Principle of Life & Dignity of the Human Person as well as the Principle of Option for the Poor and Vulnerable. There will be two moderated panel discussions during the retreat featuring:

- *Father Ed White, Pastor, St. Stephen's*
- *Aleah Patulot, Director of PREPARES*
- *Joe Cotton, Director of Pastoral Care & Outreach, Archdiocese of Seattle*
- *Father Robert Antony, Parochial Vicar St. Stephen's*
- *Bill Hallerman, CCS King County Agency Director*

RETREAT DATES

First Retreat
Saturday, October 21
St. Stephen the Martyr,
Renton, 8:30am to 12pm

Second Retreat
Saturday, February 17
Holy Spirit, Kent
8:30am to 12pm

Third Retreat
Saturday, March 9
St. Anthony, Renton
8:00am to 12pm

Final Retreat
Saturday, June 8
St. Louise, Bellevue
8:30am to 12pm

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE TO JOIN US ON OCTOBER 21 AT:

<https://forms.office.com/r/tdR1dZ2RYK>

REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED, BUT IS SUGGESTED.

THANK YOU!



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in Covington



SATURDAY
OCT 21

JOIN OUR LITTER CLEAN UP!

Timberlane Community - 10am-12pm

Help us clean up litter along the main drive in the Timberlane neighborhood! We will meet up at the Timberlane Community Center/Clubhouse to get started.



Register online at www.covingtonwa.gov/lovethecov

Limited space is available at the work party, so sign up asap to reserve your spot!



*Participants should be able to walk, bend, lift and be physically active for two hours. For safety purposes, some age limits may apply, please see website for details.

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